

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 13, 1897.

S. F. No. 154.

CHAPTER 52.

Villages and cities.

An act to permit villages or cities situated in one or more towns to separate themselves from the town government of the towns in which they are situated, for all purposes.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Minnesota:

May be separated from towns.

SECTION 1. That any incorporated village, city or town in this state situated in one or more towns may at any annual or special election, by an affirmative majority of votes cast at such election, be made a separate election district, and a separate assessment district, and become separate from the town or towns in which such village, city or town is situated, for all purposes, and any town may in like manner separate itself from any village or city within its limits; *provided*, that it shall be lawful for any towns in which any village, city or town so separated is situated or partly situated, to hold its town meeting and any election within the limits of said village, city or town, at a place to be designated therefor; but no resident of such village, city or town shall have the right to vote at any such town meeting or election.

Provided.

How submitted to vote.

SEC. 2. Whenever it is desired to submit such a proposition to the voters of any such village, city or town, notice thereof, signed by at least twenty electors of the village, city or town to be separated, shall be filed with the village, city or town recorder. When any such notice is filed with the village, city or town recorder not less than twenty days before the annual village, city or town election, he shall give notice thereof, in the notice of such annual election, but where such notice is filed more than twenty days before the annual election, it shall be the duty of the village, city or town recorder to give notice of a special village, city or town election for the purpose of voting upon such proposition, in the manner provided for calling special village, city or town elections in such village, city or town. If a majority of the votes (which) are cast at any such election upon such proposition be in favor thereof, the said village, city or town,

from and after the determination of such results, shall be separated for all purposes from the towns or townships in which it is situated.

SEC. 3. In case any village, city or town, and the town or towns in which any village, city or town is located shall heretofore jointly or together have contracted any bonded or other indebtedness, then and in every such case, it shall be the duty of the county auditor in the county in which such village, city or town and towns are located, to apportion the amount of the taxes necessary to be levied in each year to pay the interest and principal of such indebtedness, as the same may become due and payable, upon the taxable property of such village, city and town or towns pro rata, according to the valuation of such town, towns and village or city until such joint indebtedness with the interest thereon is fully paid. Where such indebtedness is to be provided for by tax levied upon the property of such village, city and town, or towns jointly, it shall be the duty of the board of supervisors in each of the towns thereby affected to file with the county auditor a statement showing the amount of taxes to be raised for such purpose.

Joint indebtedness.

SEC. 4. If, by a majority vote, the proposition carries, then within ten days after the election the village, city or town recorder shall notify the county auditor of the county in which said village, city or town is located; and the county auditor shall after that time keep the records and tax list separate and distinct from the town or towns in which such village, city or town is located in the same manner as the town records and tax lists are kept.

Separate records and tax lists.

SEC. 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 15, 1897.

CHAPTER 53.

H. P. No. 175.

An act to provide for attaching territory to independent or special school districts.

School districts.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Minnesota:

SECTION 1. That whenever the principal part of the territory in any incorporated town or city in this state is organized as an independent school district or a special school district, and any portion of the territory

To attach territory.